[*Translation*]

Import of Electronic Coting Machines

2816. SHRI RAM KRISHNA KUSMARIA:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import electronic voting machines;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the names of the countries from which these machines are likely to be purchased?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Export of Onion and Red Chillies

2817. DR. V. RAJESWARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether traders dealing with onions and red chillies in Tamil Nadu have been allowed to export these commodities to gulf countries to earn foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent steep rise in prices of these items in domestic market?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) It is open to any trader to export onions as an associate shipper of NAFED, which is the canalising agency. Export of red chillies is allowed on de-controlled basis.

(b) In case of items of mass consumption, restrictions such as quantitative ceilings or a complete ban on export of agricultural products are stipulated where necessary.

[*Translation*]

Upgradation of Cities

2818. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have upgraded Bikaner as 'B' class city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of requests for upgradation of cities are pending with the Government;

(d) if so, the names of cities in each State in respect of which such requests have been received; and

(e) the time by which decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b). Bikaner has been upgraded as 'B-2' class city for the purpose of grant of House Rent Allowance/ Compensatory (City) Allowance to Central Government employees.

(c) to (e). According to the existing criterion. upgradation/re-classification of cities for the purpose of grant of HRS/CCA is done

on the basis of final population figures as revealed in a decennial Census. The names of cities in respect of which representations have been received for upgradation during the last six months are given in the enclosed Statement. The question of upgradation/re-classification of cities, wherever necessary, will be taken up after receipt of the final population figures of 1991 Census from the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

STATEMENT

S.No.	*Name of Cities/Towns*	*Name of States /U.T.*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Warangal	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Bhavnagar	Gujarat
3.	Jamnagar	
4.	Himmatnagar	
5.	Goa	Goa
6.	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
7.	Kasaragod	
8.	Mangalore	Karnataka
9.	Jammu	J & K
10.	Raipur	Madhya Pradesh
11.	Virar	Maharashtra
12.	Aurangabad	
13.	Cuttack	Orissa
14.	Bhubaneshwar	
15.	Puri	
16.	Kota	Rajasthan
17.	Gangapur City	
18.	Dholpur	

S.No.	Name of Cities/Towns	Name of States /U.T.
1	2	3
19.	Thiruchirapalli	Tamil Nadu
20.	Agartala	Tripura
21.	Dehradun	Uttar Pradesh
22.	Aligarh	
23.	Haldwani	
24.	Pauri	
25.	Baraut	
26.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry

[*English*]

Import of Pulses

2819. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pulses imported during the current year and proposed to be imported during 1992–93; and

(b) the reasons for such imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Information will be obtained and laid on the Table of the House.

Mysore Spinning and Weaving Mills

2820. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mysore Spinning and Weaving Mills (Raja Mills) at Bangalore is a unit of the National Textile Corporation;

(b) whether the above Mill was gutted due to fire;

(c) if so, when and the estimated loss incurred thereon;

(d) whether the Government propose to relocate the gutted portion of the above mills near the Minerva Mills;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which it will be relocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The unit was affected by a major fire on 18.11.1990. The entire spinning department excepting 19520 spindles and one blow room line was completely gutted